

47th district of California, I will continue to strive for increase and advancement of opportunities for women all around the world. And I challenge young women everywhere to do the same and continue with even greater strength and force into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 163, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 570, the Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2011, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD OF AUSTRALIA TO CONGRESS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that this poem by Albert Carey Caswell, commemorating the historic address by Prime Minister Julia Gillard of Australia, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the great friendship between our two countries.

ACROSS THE GREAT OCEANS

Across the great oceans
Over the deep blue seas
And all of the most distant shores
And throughout the miles we see
But lies . . .
But lies, such a great love, a bond between
America and Australia so indeed!
For when we look into the mirror, a mirror
image we so see
For we are so much alike, are but you, are
but so you and me
As such a great bond, so very special across
those seas
So very strong, so very deep
That even time and distance, cannot so de-
stroy.
As is such a great bond between Australia
and America,
That our hearts of love have so received
For we are such fine friends, so are all of we!
And throughout the generations, and
throughout all of those wars
All throughout all of those dark storms
As we have so stood together, as one, as one
have all of we!
As throughout all of those dreadful wars
As we have sent our fine son and daughters,
off together, off to die, off to death and
war
And 'Oh, what a burden bore!
To lose all of our most precious loves, that
which we have all so adored!
All of those tears, those heart broken tears,
that together we have so poured!
As all together we've so stood, so stood
throughout the generations as one so
for very sure!
For Down Under, no greater loves adorned!
Then, that bond between Australia and
America
From all across those most distant shores
As we even speak the same language, all the
more
And on this day, a prayer we say as so sent
across those most distant shores

That this great bond, that this warm love
and so friendship, as will live on for ev-
ermore!

And together as one, as out into the future
we walk hand in hand, as we have done
before!

'Oh across those great oceans, "It's a good
day" . . . all because of our love that
we have so poured!

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, an engineering marvel that is celebrating its centennial of service to the people of Arizona, including a majority of constituents in my own District.

When Federal engineers built Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River in the beginning of the 20th Century, they did not have the conveniences of a nearby town, an existing power supply or a locally skilled labor force. Several engineering feats needed to be accomplished even before construction could begin at the site 80 miles east of Phoenix.

A road was cut into the sides of mountains so supplies could be hauled from the Phoenix area to the dam site. Members of local Apache tribes helped build the road, and they continued with the construction effort for the dam. Federal engineers also constructed a 20-mile canal to develop hydroelectric power at the dam to power a cement mill, aerial trams and cableways, and other equipment.

Stone masons cut massive blocks from the sides of the canyon. Cranes were used to lower the stones, some weighing as much as 10 tons, to the riverbed. They were laid in a stair-step fashion, which gave the dam a distinctive appearance.

Federal engineers ensured the strength of the dam by requiring the mortar joints on the upstream face not to exceed 1 inch in width. Following the laying of the cornerstone in 1906, crews worked nearly nonstop, with strings of electric lights suspended above the site allowing men to work through the night. Five years later, Roosevelt Dam had risen 280 feet high, with a base 184 feet thick that narrowed to 16 feet at the top. On the day of its dedication on March 18, 1911, it was the largest rubble-masonry thick-arch dam in the world.

Due to its engineering and construction excellence, Roosevelt Dam stood nearly unchanged for more than 80 years. In the 1990s, a new generation of engineers needed to address dam safety, regulatory water storage and flood control in central Arizona. During this construction effort, the entire face of the dam was overlain with concrete, ranging in thickness from 10 to 50 feet. The concrete extended upward to create a new crest and spillways were constructed deeper and narrower, allowing for greater water releases during floods. Renovations used nearly 450,000 cubic yards of cement, enough to pave a two-lane road between Phoenix and Tucson. The additional 77 feet of height effectively doubled the capacity of the reservoir, enhancing its role in managing water supplies for the growing greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, as Roosevelt Dam embarks on its second century of service, it deserves special recognition for its engineering marvel and being an economic engine for central Arizona.

HONORING SPECIALIST DAVID R.
FAHEY

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Specialist David R. Fahey, who lost his life on Monday, February 28, 2011, while courageously serving our nation in Afghanistan. He was killed by an IED explosion. Yesterday he was laid to rest.

Specialist Fahey enlisted at the age of 20, in August, 2007. He was deployed to Afghanistan in June, 2010. He is mourned by family, friends, and fellow soldiers from Yorktown Heights, New York, to Washington State, Korea, and Afghanistan. He has been honored for his service with the Combat Action Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

Specialist Fahey's dedication to protecting his fellow citizens extended to his plans to join the New York City Police Department after the completion of his tour of duty. His sacrifice for our nation will be remembered through the family he loved and freedom he protected. I ask the House to keep in their thoughts and prayers Specialist Fahey and all the other brave men and women in our armed services who have lost their lives, as well as those who continue to serve abroad.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
THOMAS F. MCGOVERN, AS HE
PREPARES TO RETIRE AFTER 25
YEARS OF COMMISSIONED SERV-
ICE TO THE UNITED STATES
NAVY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Thomas F. McGovern, as he prepares to retire after 25 years of Commissioned Service to the United States Navy and for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. I have worked with Captain McGovern personally in his role as the Deputy Director of the Navy Appropriations Liaison Office, and I would like to share with you some highlights of this fine officer's career.

Captain Thomas F. McGovern received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1986, and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1988. He has served in operational assignments with Patrol Squadron Forty at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California, flying the P-3C Orion; Patrol Squadron Thirty-One as an Instructor Pilot; aboard both the USS *Constellation* and USS *Saratoga* as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer. Captain McGovern also served with distinction as Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Pacific Fleet Patrol Wings and Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, at Naval Air Station Barbers